



**SELF-DETERMINATION LOCAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approved 8/1/2022

Date: Monday, July 11, 2022

Start Time: 7:00 pm **End Time:** 8:30 pm

Location of This Meeting: Zoom- no physical meeting location

Location of the Next Meeting: Zoom-no physical meeting location

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members Present: Co-Chair Irene Litherland, Vi Ibarra, Arthur Lipscomb, Dianne Millner, Neil Jacobson, Sandra Coss, Morena Grimaldi, Pamela Baird, Jocelyn Manalac

Committee Members Absent: Melissa Crisp-Cooper, Pei Wang

Committee Administrative Assistant: Sam Coston

RCEB Staff Present: Lisa Kleinbub, Ronke Sodipo, Jenifer Castaneda, Janice Jung

SCDD Staff Present: Sheraden Nicholau

Guests: Will Sanford, Nina Spiegleman, Veronica Poon, Christine Kantor, Paula Senigar, Helen Reese, Peter Kangas, Anne Chen, Wandra Boyd, Frida Blum, Heather Mabie, Jaclyn Balanay, Joyce Butz, Alejandro Gonzalez, Lorena, Sandi P., Mark Polit, Morena Gomez.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Chat Monitor and Introductions

Committee members and guests all introduced themselves. Vi monitored the chat. Sam recorded the minutes.

Agenda Item: Consent to the Minutes

M/S/C "The committee moves to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes as submitted"
[Millner/Grimaldi] Minutes passed with one abstention.

Arthur asked that a note be recorded that the location of SDLAC meetings will be virtual going forward. The SDLAC meeting on June 6, 2022 was a hybrid model of virtual and in person at the San Leandro RCEB.

Agenda Item: Report from Chairperson

Irene reported on the Statewide Self-Determination Advisory Committee meeting held in late June. Rick Wood was re-elected as Co-Chair. The director of the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Nancy Bargmann, reported on several items related to the self-determination program. These included appointing a new statewide work group to guide DDS in addition to the Statewide Advisory Committee. As of May 2022, there are 1,462 consumers participating in SDP, as opposed to 734 in July of last year. Irene also highlighted the ethnicity demographics of participation in SDP. Work is underway to bridge the gap between the number of Hispanic consumers in SDP versus the total number in the regional center system. The implementation of rate increases in self-determination budgets is still being developed.

Agenda Item: Update from Regional Center

As of the end of June, Jenifer stated there were sixteen new transitions into SDP at RCEB, for a total of 105. Thirty-seven SDP participants are in years two or three. She provided information on orientations, which have been held monthly. RCEB will evaluate the need for additional orientation dates after DDS begins providing orientations. Janice Jung has been hired as the newest SDP Specialist. The new SDP ombudsperson is aboard as well, assisting those in need. Lisa spoke of the new state law which will fund FMS separately from one's spending plan. Direction from DDS on implementation is forthcoming. The process to apply the statewide provider rate increases to self-determination budgets is being evaluated. New Case Management positions will be posted soon.

Agenda Item: Update on Use of Funds from DDS – Years 1 & 2

Bay Area Collaborative Website: Dianne mentioned that the website is in BETA testing. Input and contributions are encouraged and welcome.

Newsletter: Sam provided an update on the newsletter. Hanna completed three translations: Spanish, Simplified Chinese & Vietnamese. English is also available.

Post Transition Support Groups: Meetings for two different post-transition support groups are being set up by our contractor, Care Parent Network. Parents are interested in moving forward.

Short-Term Coaching: Christine gave an update on the short-term coaching work done by Positive and Possible in their first quarter. Individuals who have been through the self-determination orientation and need more assistance are strongly encouraged to utilize the service provided by our two contractors, Pragnya and Positive and Possible. Further outreach needs to be done so that oriented consumers and families are aware of this opportunity.

Advanced IF Training and Mentorship: After interviewing project applicants and exploring alternative approaches to providing advanced training to Independent Facilitators, our project work group decided not to select a contractor. The committee should re-allocate these funds.

Agenda Item: Participant Survey and Planning for Next Year of DDS Funding

Irene shared findings from the Self-Determination Survey. The survey was conducted via Survey Monkey and gauged the opinions of individuals who attended an SDP orientation held after June 2021. Overall, the responses were positive, with improvements needed regarding the FMS and budgets.

Agenda Item: Public Comment and Announcements

Arthur announced an opening in his office for an Associate Clients Rights Advocate. Interested parties are encouraged to apply.

Agenda Item: Input on Future Agenda Items

RCEB will provide an update on the process to transition from one year to the next in SDP. (RCEB will update the Independent Facilitator list on the RCEB website.)

2022 MEETINGS

- August 1st
- September 12th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 5th